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It is believed that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement should be considered to have been cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The cited document JP 10-172237 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,538,692, issued 03/25/2003. Applicants have not enclosed a copy of the U.S. reference.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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